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Dr. James B. Rhoads, Archivist
The National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

As your files should reflect, if you have no independent recollection, as soon as their transfer to the National Archives was reported, I saw Dr. Bahmer and asked for access to the materials deposited in the Archives by the Kennedy estate. At his suggestion, I wrote him a letter for forwarding to the representative of the executors and was formally denied access. Subsequently, I made more specific request for certain items, including pictures of the clothing and a copy of the memorandum of transfer, and was again refused. I think I am the first to have made these requests.

In the past I have been refused what was subsequently given to others and competitors on what amounts to an exclusive basis, in open violation of your regulations. This is damaging to me and to my work as it is contrary to what is supposed to control you r official function and responsibilities. Should this happen again, I will be forced to consider whether remedy is available under law.

I do have reason to believe that it is not only about to happen but that it has been designed to deny me the rights I and all other Americans have.

I am therefore writing to request not less than equality of access to anything that has been withheld and is made available to any others under any circumstances, particularly that for which I have requested access going back to the end of 1966 but not restricted to that.

Should this require that I have a qualified pathologist, duly and properly certified as a pathologist, I will, for those things for which you may consider this a prerequisite. This prerequisite cannot possible apply to all that I understand is currently involved.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg